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SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU :—" నర్సాపురం తాలూకా, మొగల్తూరు ఫిర్కాలోని భూములకు సముద్రపు తీరమున ఉన్నటువంటి జలహీనమైన భూములకు ఈ లెవీ పద్ధతిని వర్తింపకుండా చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not see any particular reason why sea coast land should be exempted unless there is no production at all."

SRI ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU :—" ఇప్పుడు ఈ ఆహార సేకరణ విషయములో ముఖ్యంగా 20% మాత్రమే procurement జరిగిందని మా ప్రాంతాలలో తెలుస్తున్నది. రాజోలు తాలూకాలో 60 బస్తాలు కావలసింది 10 బస్తాలు మాత్రమే అయింది. వందలకొలది ఎకరములుగల భూస్వాములు ఇదివరకు levy ఇవ్వలేదని ఆఫీసర్లు చెప్పుతున్నారు. కనుక దీనిని గురించి ప్రభుత్వము ఏరకమైన చర్య తీసుకోబోతున్నారు."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are taking steps to procure whatever is necessary to reach the target. If there is any individual case of evasion, certainly action will be taken."

SRI B. SANKARIAH :—" ఒకే రకమైన బియ్యానికి ఒకే ధర ఇప్పుడు market లో ఉండడం ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలియదా ? అటువంటప్పుడు ఏదో ఉత్పత్తి ఖర్చులు అవీ ఇవీ అనే సాకుతో వివిధ ధరలు నిర్ణయించకుండా ఒకే రకమైన బియ్యానికి ఒకే ధరను నిర్ణయిస్తారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, we have got fixed prices for fixed qualities, namely, first sort and second sort."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" உபரி ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கக்கூடிய பற்றுக்குறை பிரதேசங்களிலிருந்து கொள்முதல் செய்வதை நிறுத்தி வைக்க உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" ஒரு ஜில்லாவை எடுத்துக் கொண்டால், அது பூராவையும் கணக்கில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுதான் அது உபரி ஜில்லாவா, பற்றுக்குறை ஜில்லாவா என்று நிர்ணயிக்கிறோம். சிறு சிறு வட்டாரங்களையெல்லாம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு அதை நிர்ணயிக்க முடியாது."

Contributions in respect of works executed under the Rural Welfare Scheme.

* 168 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one-fourth contribution towards the estimated cost is to be paid even by poor Harijans to have the benefit of reading rooms, bathrooms, drinking wells, drinking ponds, etc., under the Rural Welfare Scheme?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No contributions are *insisted upon* in respect of works executed under the Rural Welfare Scheme intended to benefit mainly the Harijans."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans are economically backward, will the Government consider the desirability of exempting the Harijans from the payment 9 a.m

of such contribution, if insisted on by the Heads of Departments, so that they may have the benefits of reading rooms, wells and all other facilities available under the Rural Welfare Scheme? ''

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I am sorry the hon. Member did not hear my reply. It covers his request. However, I may state that Collectors have been given discretion to accept whatever contributions are forthcoming, if at all they are forthcoming, from the Harijans. In practice, if no contribution is forthcoming, the works are executed without any contribution whatever from the Harijans.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government have refunded one-third of the amount contributed by the Harijans of Perur in Musiri taluk, for the construction of a school-building? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know if the reading rooms are popular and what the average monthly attendance of the people in the localities is? ''

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" To give a specific instance, in Tiruvallur taluk, the average attendance is about 800 per month.''

Export of onions and chillies.

* 169 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the basis on which the surplus available for export from Madras State was determined by the Madras Government with regard to onions and chillies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The quantity of onions and chillies available for export to foreign countries from this State are determined after a review of their price trends and on the basis of past production, future crop prospects and the quantity required for consumption in the State and also bearing in mind the free and unrestricted movement of these commodities from one State to another within the country.''

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that after the stoppage of these exports, the producers of onions and chillies have suffered a lot? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whatever surplus quantity is available has been allowed to be exported. The other quantities are required for internal consumption.''

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" ఆముదము యొక్క import, export లెక్కలు చెప్పగలరా ? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.''